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Subject: Upper Berryessa Flood Control Project

Melanie,

This is an email to follow up on our January 4 meeting and telephone discussion last week about the Water Board's intended permitting approach for the Upper Berryessa project. As we've discussed, we intend to issue a cert to the Corps fairly quickly once the District has adopted a final CEQA document for the project. That should facilitate Corps contracting for Upper Berryessa, given what we understand is a tight construction schedule. Susan has prepared a draft certification and we are reviewing it internally prior to providing it to you and the Corps as an administrative draft.

Subsequent to that and likely later this spring, we expect to bring Waste Discharge Requirements for the project before our Board for its consideration. Similar to our approach on past projects, such as the Bay Bridge, where we issued a fairly quick cert to facilitate contracting and then issued a separate WDR, the WDRs are likely to address aspects of the project in greater detail, including post-construction monitoring, alternate mitigation to address the project design issues, and potentially operation and maintenance, to the extent O&M isn't covered under the District's Stream Maintenance Program WDRs. At this point, our intention is to name both the District and the Corps; I'm sure the Corps will have something to say about that, and we anticipate discussing that as a part of the WDR process.

Please let me know if you'd like to discuss this further now. As you've noted, this is on the agenda for our upcoming meeting in February, and we'll have the opportunity to discuss this more then, as well.

Regards,

-Keith

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